

Commissioner for Patents

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This application is a continuation-in-part and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120 of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/536,416, filed March 28, 2000. The application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Nos. 60/245,387 and 60/245,262, both filed November 2, 2000. The disclosure of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Basic filing fee	\$355
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9	\$0
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$40	\$0
Fee for multiple dependent claims	\$0
Total filing fee:	\$355

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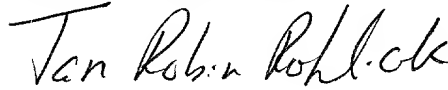
If this application is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (617) 542-5070.

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